

**SUBJECT: STOP AND SEARCH – QUARTERLY UPDATE**

**Report of the Chief Constable**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. This report outlines the Force's current position in relation to the use of stop and search powers. It provides an update regarding ongoing work, the recent HMIC inspection, the Home Office Best Use of Stop and Search Scheme, and future developments. It also provides performance data in relation to how stop and search powers have been used.

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. That the Police and Crime Commissioner uses this report to scrutinise Force activity in respect of the use of 'Stop & Search' powers.

**PRIORITY IN THE POLICING AND CRIME PLAN**

3. The impact of Stop and Search on communities can be significant and as such the delivery of Stop and Search powers is reflected in the Refreshed 2014 Police and Crime Plan. The Police and Crime Commissioner has committed to hold the Chief Constable to account to ensure Stop and Search activity is used appropriately, proportionately, in the pursuit of a legitimate aim and in a way that can be explained by the searching officer to the person stopped.
  - The attached report is part of regular quarterly PCC scrutiny.
  - The PCC will be working with the T/CC to undertake some joint consultation regarding stop and search encounters.
  - The PCC's Youth Advisory Group continues to discuss Stop and Search including areas for consultation
  - The OPCC are continuing to visit Force Scrutiny groups who review Stop and Search encounters in more detail.
  - The PCC met with HMIC to discuss his oversight and scrutiny of Stop and Search.
  - The PCC responded to the HMIC Inspection in September 2015.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- [Chief Constable's Quarterly Report on Stop and Search](#). (PDF 179KB)
- [Stop and Search Statistics - All Stop and Search Activity in comparison to West Yorkshire Demographics – January 2015 to December 2015 - Appendix A](#). (PDF 293KB)
- [Stop and Search Statistics -Section 23 Misuse of Drugs Act – Appendix B](#). (PDF 293KB)

